

State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

MAY 13, 2010

Chairperson and Members
Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN CONTRACTS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT, "REFORESTATION OF LEEWARD EAST MAUI" (RFP SPF10-1) TO THE TRI-ISLE RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.

SUMMARY: This Board Submittal approves the expenditure of funds and authorizes the Chairperson to negotiate and sign a contract with Tri-Isle Resource Conservation Development Council, Inc. to implement the project "Reforestation of Leeward East Maui", subject to finalization of the award, the certification of availability of funds and approval as to form by the Attorney General's Office.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Land and Natural Resources published a Request for Proposal SPF 10-1, on February 3, 2010 on the State Procurement Office website. Tri-Isle was the sole applicant. DOFAW has determined that the proposal submitted was fair and reasonable and that others had a reasonable opportunity to respond. Projects are supported in full by a U.S. Forest Service State and Private Forestry Grant to the Division of Forestry and Wildlife. The completed agreement with the U.S. Forest Service specifies the project goals and activities which include: 1) Survey and control of *Bocconia frutescens* on leeward Haleakala; 2) Collaboration with the Hawaii Agricultural Research Center to collect koa seeds from the reforestation area, screen for resistance to koa wilt, and plant seed from resistant koa families in seed orchards; and 3) Coordination of volunteers to plant 20,000 native seedlings to reforest fenced areas of leeward Haleakala.

CONTRACT PROVISIONS:

The contract will be negotiated with Tri-Isle Resource Conservation Development Council, Inc. which acts as the fiscal sponsor for the Leeward Haleakala Watershed Restoration Partnership who will be responsible for performing the work.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorizes:

- 1) The expenditure of federal funds of approximately \$95,000 to the Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.
- 2) The Chairperson to negotiate and sign contracts to implement the Landowner Incentive Program Projects, approval as to form by the Attorney General's Office.
- 3) Subject to the availability of funds and budget restrictions and procedures implemented under the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Executive Biennium Budget Restrictions.

Respectfully submitted,



PAUL J. CONRY, Administrator
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



LAURA H. THIELEN, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources